

Claims

1. A cleaning appliance of the cylinder type comprising a main body and a hose and wand assembly, the hose and wand assembly comprising a telescopic wand movable
5 between retracted and extended positions and a flexible hose having a first end connected to the main body and a second end connected to the wand, wherein the wand and the main body incorporate retaining means for releasably attaching the wand to the main body when the wand is in the retracted state and the hose passes at least once around the main body.

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2. A cleaning appliance as claimed in claim 1, wherein the hose passes more than once around the main body when the wand is attached thereto.

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3. A cleaning appliance as claimed in claim 1 or 2, wherein the hose follows a predetermined path around the main body when the wand is attached thereto.

4. A cleaning appliance as claimed in claim 1 or 2, wherein the hose is retained in a fixed position with respect to the main body at a plurality of points along the length of the hose.

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5. A cleaning appliance as claimed in any one of the preceding claims, wherein the main body comprises a cyclonic separator having a collecting bin for collecting dirt and debris and the wand is releasably attachable to the collecting bin.

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6. A cleaning appliance of the cylinder type comprising a main body and a hose and wand assembly, the hose and wand assembly comprising a telescopic wand movable between retracted and extended positions and a flexible hose having a first end connected to the main body and a second end connected to the wand, wherein the wand and the main body incorporate retaining means for releasably attaching the wand to an upper

surface of the main body when the wand is in the retracted state and the upper surface of the main body comprises a channel for receiving the wand.

7. A cleaning appliance according to claim 6, wherein the retaining means are
5 located in the channel.

8. A cleaning appliance according to claim 7, wherein the main body comprises two generally cylindrical containers lying next to one another and wherein the channel lies between the cylindrical containers.

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9. A cleaning appliance as claimed in any one of claims 6 to 8, wherein the channel has a sufficient depth to allow the wand to lie substantially flush with the upper surface of the main body when the wand is received in the channel.

15 10. A cleaning appliance as claimed in any one of the preceding claims, wherein the wand has a handle by means of which a user may lift the main body when the wand is attached thereto.

11. A cleaning appliance as claimed in claim 10, wherein the said handle may also be
20 used by the user to manipulate the hose and wand assembly during normal use.

12. A cleaning appliance as claimed in claim 10 or 11, wherein the handle extends in a direction which is substantially parallel to the longitudinal axis of the wand so as to provide a plurality of longitudinally offset positions for lifting the main body and for
25 manipulating the hose and wand assembly.

13. A cleaning appliance as claimed in any one of the preceding claims, wherein the wand may be attached to the main body when the main body is oriented for normal use.

14. A cleaning appliance as claimed in claim 13, wherein the main body has wheels or rollers arranged so as to allow the main body to move across a surface to be cleaned and the said wheels or rollers remain in contact with the surface when the wand is attached to the main body.

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15. A cleaning appliance as claimed in any one of the preceding claims, wherein a substantial part of the length of the wand, in the retracted position, lies alongside the main body when the wand is attached thereto.

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16. A cleaning appliance as claimed in claim 15, wherein substantially all of the wand, in the retracted position, lies alongside the main body when the wand is attached thereto.

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17. A cleaning appliance as claimed in any one of the preceding claims, further comprising rotation prevention means for preventing rotation of the wand when it is attached to the main body.

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18. A cleaning appliance as claimed in claim 17, wherein the rotation preventing means comprises a first part, mounted on the main body, and a second part mounted on the wand, each part having a face which extends radially with respect to the longitudinal axis of the wand.

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19. A cleaning appliance as claimed in any one of the preceding claims, wherein the hose and wand assembly carries a release member for releasing the wand from the main body.

20. A cleaning appliance as claimed in claim 19, wherein the wand comprises locking means for locking the wand in the retracted position and actuation of the release member also releases the said locking means.

21. A cleaning appliance as claimed in any one of the preceding claims, wherein the first and second ends of the hose are located adjacent one another when the wand is attached to the main body.

5 22. A cleaning appliance as claimed in any one of claims 1 to 20, wherein the first and second ends of the hose are circumferentially spaced apart from one another when the wand is attached to the main body.

23. A cleaning appliance as claimed in any one of the preceding claims, wherein the
10 cleaning appliance takes the form of a vacuum cleaner.

24. A cleaning appliance substantially as described herein with reference to the accompanying drawings.